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	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
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Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

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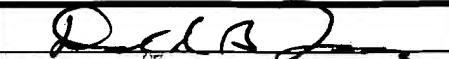
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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In re:

Applicant: Kent, et al.)	
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Serial No.: 09/710,633)	Group Art Unit: 1654
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Filed: November 8, 2000)	Examiner: Russel, J.
)	
Title: SYNTHESIS OF PROTEINS BY)	
NATIVE CHEMICAL LIGATION)	Our Ref.: TSRI 478.0Con1

Supplemental Reply to Examiner's Answer

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Sir:

This communication is supplemental to Applicant's Reply to Examiner's Answer, mailed 10/24/05. Applicant wishes to further clarify the application of *In re Rasmussen* with respect to Issues No. 1-3 of the present case.

Clarification of Argument

Issues No. 1-3:

In re Rasmussen, 650 F.2d at 1214, 211 U.S.P.Q. at 326-27, held that a disclosure of a single example of a method of "adhereingly applying" one layer to another was sufficient to support a generic claim to "adhereingly applying" because one skilled in the art reading the specification would understand that it is unimportant how

the layers are adhered, so long as they are adhered.

Claim 11 of the present application is directed to a method for ligating two peptides to form a derivative of a naturally isolatable protein having one or more **variant residues** not found in said naturally isolatable protein. Claim 32 of the present application is more narrow than Claim 11 and is directed to a method for ligating two peptides to form a desired protein or domain thereof that is a derivative of a naturally isolatable protein having one or more **cysteine residues** not found in said naturally isolatable protein. Although claims 11 and 32 differ slightly in scope, the application of *Rasmussen* to each of claims 11 and 32 is the same. However, the *Rasmussen* analysis of both claims must be divided into two instances, viz., Instance #1, wherein the variant residues or cysteines are not at the point of ligation; and Instance #2, wherein the variant residues or cysteines are at the point of ligation.

Applicant's Reply correctly analyzed the application of *Rasmussen* to Instance #1, i.e., if the variant residues or cysteines are **not** at the point of ligation, one skilled in the art reading the specification would understand that it is unimportant with respect to the claimed ligation process whether or not variant residues or cysteines were introduced at points other than the point of ligation. A person skilled in the art would realize that the ligation process of claims 11 and 32 would proceed equally well whether or not variant amino acids or cysteines existed at points in the resultant protein other than the point of ligation. Accordingly, according to the rule of *Rasmussen*, a specification having only one example is sufficient to support the patentability of a generic claim with respect to ligation processes falling under Instance #1.

Applicant wishes to clarify the application of *Rasmussen* to Instance #2. In Instance #2, the variant residues or cysteines are at the point of ligation. It should be

noted that both claims 11 and 32 impose a number of limitations on the amino acids at the point of ligation. Both Claims 11 and 32 require that the first oligopeptide include a C-terminal thioester and that the second oligopeptide include an N-terminus having an amino acid residue with an unoxidized sulfhydryl side chain and a free amino group capable of forming a β -aminothioester linkage with the C-terminal thioester that rearranges to form an amide bond therein between. Hence, claims 11 and 32 include both structural and functional limitations on the amino acid residues at the point of ligation. One skilled in the art, reading the specification, would understand that it is important for the operability of the ligation process to conform with these structural and functional limitations with respect to the amino acids at the point of ligation. However, given these limitations, one skilled in the art would also realize that it would be unimportant with respect to the operability of the claimed ligation process whether or not the amino acids at the point of ligation were variant residues not found in any naturally isolatable protein. Accordingly, in Instance #2, the introduction of variant amino acids must conform with and be consistent with other structural and functional limitations within claims 11 and 32 relating to the amino acids at the point of ligation. But given these limitations, the introduction of variants (in conformance with the limitations) would be understood by a skilled person to be unimportant to the operability of the claimed ligation process. By application of the rule of *Rasmussen*, the provision of one example in the specification is sufficient to support claims such as claims 11 and 32 with respect to Instance #2.

Summary of Supplemental Reply:

The rule of *Rasmussen* applies to both Instances #1 and #2 of claims 11 and 32. Under the rule of *Rasmussen*, Claims 11 and 32 are patentably supported by the specification. Reversal of the Examiner's final rejection of claims 11 and 32 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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